

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 787

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Trooper Michael Loftis upon being named the 2017 Cookeville District Trooper of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael Loftis is one such courageous public servant, who was named the 2017 Cookeville District Trooper of the Year by the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Trooper Loftis's duties include making sure that commercial vehicles are safely on the road; he completed more than 200 Commercial Vehicle Inspections in 2017, marking a thirty-six-percent out-of-service rate for drivers and a sixteen-percent out-of-service rate for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the top inspector for the Cookeville District for the past ten years, Trooper Michael Loftis has received a number of awards for his performance in the area of commercial vehicle enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Loftis has issued a total of 363 moving violations and 516 non-moving violations, arrested twenty-seven impaired drivers, and worked seventy-six crashes; and

WHEREAS, he has made fifty physical arrests, including twenty-two for felonies; he has also made fifteen felony drug cases, 111 misdemeanor drug cases, and recovered six stolen vehicles; and

WHEREAS, joined by his K-9 partner, Trooper Michael Loftis has assisted other troopers and departments with searches, helping to make multiple seizures this past year, including those of drugs, money, and weapons; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Trooper Loftis, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Loftis epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Trooper Michael Loftis for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in the Tennessee Highway Patrol; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Trooper Michael Loftis upon being named the 2017 Cookeville District Trooper of the Year by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, thank him for his meritorious service to the citizens of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.